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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INVITATIONS TO SPEED SKATING

CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BERLIN

SUMMARY. PRESIDENT (BLINOV) OF USSR SKATING FEDERATION HAS OBJECTED TO INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION FOR MANNER IN WHICH INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR 1976 SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULED FOR WEST BERLIN. BLINOV CLAIMED INVITATIONS WERE NOT ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH QA. UK BONN GROUP REP REPORTS FCO HAS BEEN QUERIED BY UK NATIONAL SKATING ASSOCIATION FOR GUIDANCE IN RESPONDING TO SOVIET OBJECTION. OTHER BG REPS SAID THIS WAS FIRST THEY HAD HEARD OF THIS ISSUE. FRG BG REP AGREED TO SEE WHETHER INVITATIONS HAD IN FACT BEEN ISSUED AND MODALITIES EMPLOYED. US AND FRENCH REPS AGREED TO ASK CAPITALS TO CHECK WHETHER SOVIETS HAD SENT SIMILAR LETTER TO THEIR RESPECTIVE NATIONAL SKATING ASSOCIATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. AT BONN GROUP MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 17, UK REP (CROMARTIE) REPORTED THE FCO HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM  
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THE NATIONAL SKATING ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN

(NSAGB) WITH REFERENCE TO THE 1976 SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN WEST BERLIN. THE NSAGB HAS REQUESTED FCO ADVICE RE A COMMUNICATION IT HAS RECEIVED FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION (ISU) FORWARDING A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT (BLINOV) OF THE USSR SKATING FEDERATION.

2. TEXT OF SOVIET LETTER, DATED AUGUST 13, FOLLOWS:  
BEGIN TEXT

THE I.S.U. CONGRESS, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN MUNICH, JUNE, THIS YEAR, HAS APPROVED WEST BERLIN AS THE SITE FOR HOLDING THE NEXT WORLD SPRINT SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 1976.

WE WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT WHILE TAKING THIS DECISION THE PROVISIONS OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971 CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL EVENTS IN WEST BERLIN WERE NOT OBSERVED. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS AGREEMENT INVITATIONS TO SUCH EVENTS ARE TO BE SENT OUT BY THE SENATE OF WEST BERLIN OR JOINTLY BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE SENATE . AS IT IS KNOWN, NO INVITATION FROM THE SENATE OF WEST BERLIN WAS PRESENTED TO THE CONGRESS IN MUNICH.

IT IS QUITE OBVIOUS THAT THE ORGANIZATION OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN WEST BERLIN WITHOUT THE INVITATION ON THE PART OF THE SENATE WOULD VIOLATE THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 3, 1971. WE EXPECT YOU, DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, TO TAKE PROPER STEPS IN ORDER TO PREVENT SUCH A VIOLATION AND CREATE

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THE NECESSARY PRE-REQUISITES FOR HOLDING THE WORLD  
SPRINT SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN WEST BERLIN.  
END TEXT.

3. CROMARTIE ASKED WHETHER THE FRENCH AND US HAD  
RECEIVED SIMILAR LETTERS, AND HOW THE FRG PLANNED TO  
ISSUE THE INVITATIONS. FRENCH REP (DE BOISSIEU) AND US  
REP SAID THIS WAS FIRST THEY HAD HEARD OF THIS ISSUE AND  
WOULD CHECK WITH CAPITALS. FRG REP (HENZE) ALSO SAID  
THIS WAS A NEW ISSUE FOR HIM. FRG LEGAL ADVISER  
(DUISBERG) SAID HE THOUGHT THE ISU MIGHT NOT BE A  
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND WOULD NOT COME UNDER THE  
QA.

4. UK LEGAL ADVISER (EDWARDS) SAID HE HAD NOT YET COME  
TO A FIRM CONCLUSION RE QA COVERAGE. WHILE IT IS CLEAR  
THE CHAMPIONSHIPS COULDN'T BE CONSIDERED A MEETING OF AN  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OR CONFERENCE WITHIN THE  
MEANING OF ANNEX IV, A, 2 (D), IT MIGHT QUALIFY AS AN  
"EXHIBITION WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION."  
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5. CROMARTIE ASKED THAT FRG DETERMINE WHETHER  
INVITATIONS HAD, IN FACT, ALREADY BEEN ISSUED, AND,  
IF SO, WHO ISSUED THEM. HENZE AGREED TO DO SO.

6. CROMARTIE REQUESTED THAT, AFTER FACTS HAVE BEEN  
OBTAINED BY FRG, A BONN GROUP DISCUSSION BE HELD ON  
WHETHER OR NOT ANNEX IV, A, 2 (D) PROVISIONS WOULD  
APPLY.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE  
DEPARTMENT CHECKING TO SEE IF SOVIETS HAVE ALSO SENT  
LETTER TO CORRESPONDING US SPEED SKATING BODY.  
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